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EMPEROR'S MESSAGE.

The Kaiser Sends Telegram of Condolence to Countess Von Waldsee.

(Associated Press)
Hanover, Prussia, March 7.—Emperor William's telegram of condolence to Countess Von Waldsee on the death of her husband was as follows:

"Royal Schloss Berlin, March 7.—In heartfelt sympathy I and the Empress feel for you in your bitter loss, for we know what you have possessed and have now lost in him who has gone to God."

"My grief is shared by the army, which looked upon him as the chosen warrior in time of serious war. In him I lose an old and cherished friend. May God comfort and strengthen you."

"(Signed) WILLIAM REX."

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Fatal Fire in a Farm House in New Brunswick.

(Associated Press)
St. John, N. B., March 7.—William J. A. and Joseph Savoy, aged respectively 22 and 12, were burned to death, and Louis Savoy was probably fatally injured by jumping from the building, as a result of a fire which destroyed a farm house at Black River, five miles from Buctonche, N. B., on Saturday.

NO DECISION.

(Associated Press)
Washington, March 7.—There was no merger decision in the Supreme court today.

the enemy.

The Japanese fire ceased at 2.20 p.m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island.

Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island and two more near Cape Maidol. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and a half inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet, and of the prospect of an attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

THE BOMBARDMENT.

One Woman Killed—Five Sailors Slightly Wounded—No Further Attack.

Vladivostok, March 7.—Last night passed quietly. The inhabitants and troops are in unusually high spirits. A strict search is being made throughout the town for Japanese. The police have posted placards on the walls offering a reward for information as to the whereabouts of the Japanese and threatening trial by court-martial of any person found guilty of concealing them.

Outside of killing a woman and wounding a few men yesterday's bombardment of Vladivostok by the Japanese fleet did no material damage.

The wooden cottage of an artisan was the only building wholly destroyed. It was pierced by a shell from a 12-inch

gun, which after traversing the roof and wall, fell in the yard, killing the woman previously referred to.

In the quarter of the city called the "Dirty Corner" a shell fell on the house of Col. Shinkoff, without exploding. It traversed a bedroom, destroying a stove, then penetrated the wall. It finally burst near the regimental safe which was standing in the court yard. A sentry guarding the safe was covered with mud, but was not injured. Evidently fearing an outbreak of fire, the sentry shouted, "Help, save the regimental colors," which were in the house. They were ultimately brought out by the colonel's wife and the soldiers.

Five sailors were slightly wounded by the explosion of a shell in the court yard of the Siberian naval barracks. Outside of these casualties, no one was killed or injured, and there was no outbreak of fire anywhere in the city.

The fact that the Russian batteries

Tientsin gives a rumor that 30 Russian sailors were caught in an attempt to escape from Port Arthur, and that they were shot the same day.

THIRTY RUSSIANS KILLED.

Invaders Attacked by Korean Soldiers—One Body of Troops Driven Beyond the Yalu.

Seoul, March 7.—The Russian soldiers operating in the vicinity of Anju are committing all manner of excesses, maltreating the native women, or perpetrating robbery upon every opportunity.

Korean soldiers attacked a body of the invaders on Friday last, the 4th instant, and succeeded in killing thirty of them.

It is reported that as the result of a collision between Russian and Korean soldiers at Kang Ge, the Russians were driven beyond the Yalu river.

TO CHECKMATE JAPS.

Russians Will Try to Stop Advance Towards Hunchun.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Advices from Vladivostok say that the 2,500 Japanese troops who landed at Plaksa bay, on the east coast of Northern Korea, are advancing toward Musan, 218 miles from Wonsan, with the intention of ultimately reaching Hunchun, on the left bank of the Russian bank. In order to checkmate this move, the Russian outpost, 100 strong, which crossed the Yalu, is advancing to occupy

gaging in covering the movement of troops from Possiet Bay to the valley of the Tumen.

Russian scouts are reliably reported to have penetrated south as far as Kling Sung.

The earlier Russian movement into Northwestern Korea was regarded as a diversion, but it now appears that a considerable force participated. It is thought that the Russians may occupy and fortify some strong position on Tumen river.

Reports regarding Russian movements in Northwestern Korea are meager and unreliable. The force north of the Yalu is being increased, but it is doubtful if any considerable number of Russians have crossed the river.

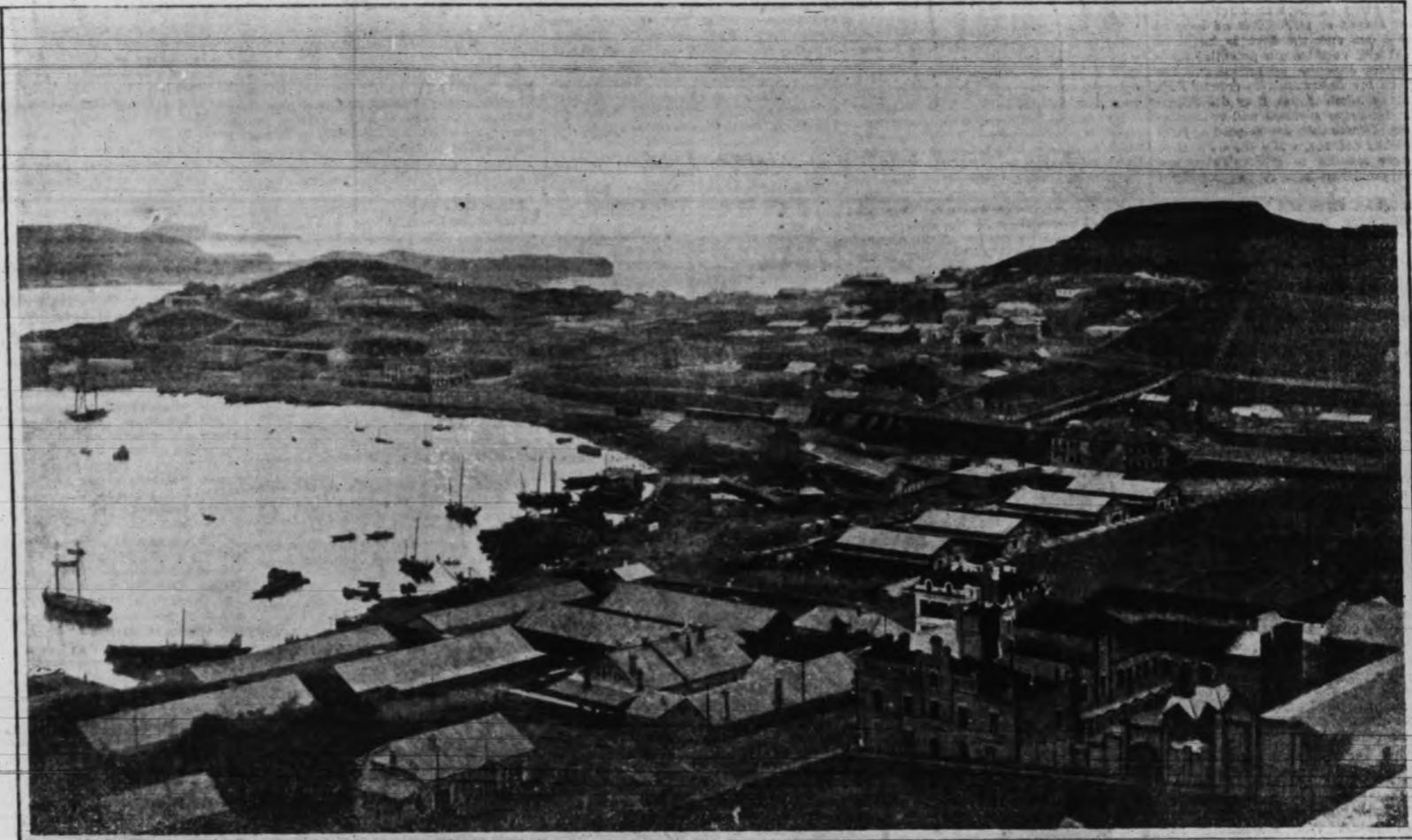
The Japanese cabinet will meet tomorrow to finally consider the programme of financial legislation made necessary by the war, which is to be submitted to the special session of the Diet. It is understood that it has been

Balfour said the government considered that Russia's declaration that she proposed to treat coal as contraband of war was of the greatest importance. The Premier added he was aware that the Russian plenipotentiary at the West African conference, held in Berlin in December, 1884, in relation to the neutralization of the Congo, declared Russia never would accept an interpretation that coal should be considered by international law as contraband of war.

GOING TO POSTS.

United States Consuls Are Now En Route to Mukden and Antung.

Washington, March 7.—The Chinese government has granted the application of the United States department for exequaturs for Messrs. Cheshire and Davidson as United States consuls at Mukden and Antung. The officers are



THE TOWN AND HAR BOR OF VLADIVOSTOK.

did not reply to the Japanese bombardment was due partly to the slight chance of hitting the enemy's warships at such a long range and partly to a desire not to betray the position of the batteries.

It is now thought the attacking squadron consisted of a battleship, four armored cruisers and two unprotected cruisers.

THE JAPANESE SQUADRON.

Cruisers Were in the Vicinity of Port Arthur on Friday Night—Sailors Shot.

London, March 6.—Only Russian reports of the bombardment of Vladivostok has been received, and there is no indication as to whether the Russian squadron is still there.

According to report from Tokio, the squadron was seen off Wonsan, Korea, last Thursday, but on this point there is no reliable information. Speculation, however, mostly inclines to the belief that the Russian squadron is not in port at Vladivostok, as neither the officials nor the other reports of the bombardment mention Russian battleships.

Port Arthur dispatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitring off Port Arthur on Friday night during a heavy snow-storm.

The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent says the Russians are still quiet. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitring off Port Arthur and Dalmat on entrenchments and new forts, and that they are also mounting over 100 guns to protect the neck of the isthmus.

The correspondent of the Standard at

Kwang-Heung, on the Tumen, a walled city commanding the trails along which the Japanese must pass.

STILL IN VICINITY.

Seven Japanese Ships Sighted Off Vladivostok This Morning.

London, March 7.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says

that seven Japanese ships approached port at 10 o'clock this morning, entered Usuri bay at noon, and after some manoeuvring steamed seaward.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

There Is No Change in the Situation at Russian Stronghold.

Port Arthur, March 7.—There is no change in the situation here. The day is fine.

THE RUSSIANS IN KOREA.

It Is Believed Strong Force May Fortify Position on the Tumen River.

Tokio, March 7.—A number of trophies from the Russian cruiser Varang, including one gun, have reached the navy department and have been forwarded to the Japanese Imperial court. The Crown Prince will accompany the Emperor when the court removes from Tokio to Kioto, after the adjournment of the Diet.

It is believed that the Russian Vladivostok squadron is now in the vicinity of the mouth of the Tumen river, en-

now on their way to the East, and they should reach Shanghai early in April.

Antung is reported to be garrisoned by a Russian force, and Mukden is to be the Russian headquarters in Manchuria.

It is pointed out that there is no trade relations between Mukden and Antung on the one hand and the United States on the other, so that there is no real necessity for the presence of American consuls at those places now. Messrs. Cheshire and Davidson will tarry at Shanghai for a time awaiting the developments of the campaign.

ISOLATED.

Marooned Inhabitants of Shelly's Island Reported Safe—Susquehanna River Still Rising.

(Associated Press)

York, Pa., March 7.—By means of a megaphone communication which has been established with the marooned inhabitants of Shelly's island, it was reported all are safe. No news can be obtained from Duffy island, the residents of which are also cut off by the floor and ice gorge in the Susquehanna river.

Still Rising.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 7.—A heavy rainstorm and high wind caused the Susquehanna river to rise again to-day, and it is now going up at the rate of 2 inches an hour.

Much Suffering.

Parisburg, March 7.—The first train into Middletown since Thursday arrived to-day. The water there is still one foot higher than in the great flood of 1889, and there is much suffering among residents of the low lands.



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DETERMINED TO HOLD PORT ARTHUR

COSSACKS WILL OPPOSE LANDINGS OF JAPS

Russians Recognize That Protection Railway is Most Difficult Phase of Problem.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—Although almost four weeks have elapsed since the Japanese first attacked Port Arthur, here the war is considered hardly to have begun. Heavy land fighting, upon which the fate of the campaign depends, is not expected much before the end of April. By this time Russia will have in the field, exclusive of the large army required to guard the railroad, four army corps each with a cavalry division and an artillery brigade. All happenings until these forces are in the field are considered merely a prologue by the Russians.

While the crippling of the Port Arthur fleet gave the enemy command of the sea it is considered of relatively small importance from the standpoint of the main strategy of the war whether Port Arthur stands or falls. But as long as it holds out and the fleet is harbored there it will constitute a potential menace against Japanese operations and the Russians are determined to defend Port Arthur as heroically as they did Sebastopol. No large garrison will be retained there; 10,000 men are as good as 100,000 for the defense, while the more men the more mouths to feed. There are enough provisions now to last for eight months.

In addition there will be a division of Cossacks with mountain batteries on the peninsula to oppose the landings and harass the enemy if they invest the city.

Viceroy Alexioff still retains his headquarters at Mukden through which the main armies will march. All the troops landed at Chemulpo, Mukpo and Chinanpo must use the "Pekin road," consequently the landings at Plaskin bay and other places on the east coast of Northern Korea are not considered important, the absence of roads preventing these forces from combining with the main body.

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VALUABLE PRIZES.

Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars for Winners at Greater New York Race Meetings.

New York, March 5.—Twin trifling meetings in the grand circuit at Empire City park and Brighton beach are assured by arrangements just perfected, which will place both tracks under one management, so far as harness racing affairs are concerned. James Butler, who, controls the Empire track, has entered into an agreement with W. A. Eugenman, owner of the Brighton race course, whereby Mr. Butler is to finance and control the grand circuit meeting at Seaside, under this management. There will be two weeks of continuous trotting in Greater New York next summer, with the first meeting at the Empire track, beginning on Monday, August 8th, and the second at the Coney Island course, beginning one week later. For each meeting six stakes races, worth \$24,000, are to be opened next week, the entries closing April 4th.

WILL USE ELECTRICITY.

Estimates For Changing New York and Ottawa Railway Being Prepared.

New York, March 5.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following dispatch from Glensfalls, N. Y.:

"Reports to the effect that the New York & Ottawa railway is likely to be converted into an electric railway this year, have been confirmed officially by General Manager Gays, who says the estimates for the proposed change are being prepared. This is an important line in the summer, extending from the upper lake in the heart of the Adirondacks to Cornwall bridge, a distance of sixty-five miles, crossing the St. Lawrence river near the old Indian village of St. Regis. Manager Gays says that by the use of electricity it is expected that the hauling power of the locomotives will be increased and greater speed be maintained."

NO AGREEMENT.

Operators and Miners Fail to Decide on Scale of Wages.

Indianapolis, March 5.—The joint conference of coal miners and operators of the central competitive district adjourned to-day without reaching an agreement as to the scale of wages for the year beginning April 1st. This is the second failure to agree. The operators are leaving for their homes.

The 800 miners' delegates will meet on Monday at national conference, when a statement of the miners' position will be made.

The final disagreement and adjournment came after a day devoted to consideration of the ultimatum which was that a two years' scale be signed at a reduction of five and one-half per cent. from the present scale. This had been made to the joint sub-committee, which to-day reported it to the joint scale committee which brought it before the joint conference.

Addressers urging the acceptance of the proposition were made by leading operators, who said the conditions necessitated concessions by the miners.

At an exclusive session of the miners, President Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis and Secretary Wilson advised the acceptance of the operators' proposition. A test vote showed that the miners would not accept this advice.

At a joint conference later the operators voted for the proposition by states, and the miners voting by states, declared against it.

The announcement of the vote, President Mitchell moved that there be a postponement of the vote. This was carried, and Mr. Robbins, of the operators, and President Mitchell consulted as to the time of which the sub-scale committee met, but neither side would make a concession and the conference adjourned sine die.

F. Robbie, of the operators, declined to state if he and President Mitchell had consulted with a view to reopening negotiations. He would not discuss the probability of a strike. President Mitchell also declined to discuss the matter.

LINER REPORTED.

New York, March 5.—The American Line steamship New York, from Southampton for New York, is reported as having been in communication by wireless telegraphy with the Nantucket lightship at 5:40 o'clock this morning.

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TWO FIRES IN EAST.

Loss at Halifax Amounts to \$25,000 and at Montreal to \$75,000—Sudden Death.

Halifax, March 5.—Fire at an early hour this morning completely destroyed the three story wooden building occupied by H. C. Carrolls, fruit and commission merchant, and damaged the British American hotel, the premises of Donovan & Brown, plumbers; James Leary, grocer; and the Commercial hotel. The loss will be about \$25,000. During the fire Patrick Schellie, an old man about sixty, an old-time brewer, dropped dead near the scene of excitement.

Outbreak at Montreal.

Montreal, March 5.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of about \$75,000 to the cheese stock of D. A. Macpherson & Co., William street. Several strenuous efforts were made to save the floor and others from suffocation.

SKELETON OF MASTODON.

Found in the Yukon—is an Excellent State.

Seattle, March 5.—The complete form of a mastodon has been discovered at Hillside, on Quartz creek, according to a dispatch received by the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, X. T. It was embedded 35 feet in the earth when found, and the use of a steam thumping plant was necessary to unearth the immense animal. The hair and skin of the beast are in a fresh state of preservation, though the bones are somewhat decomposed, and the big tusks, which remain fastened to the skull, are in good condition. It is estimated that the skeleton is worth about \$50,000, as there is but one or two of them in existence in as good a condition as this. The mastodon was discovered buried in an old channel, well in the zone of almost perpetual frost, which accounts for its excellent preservation.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Many Families Driven From Their Homes—Great Destruction of Property.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 5.—The Susquehanna river to-day was 23 feet above low water mark and was still rising. At Mid-dleton the low lands are submerged and the electric light plant is ruined. The town was without light last night and many families have been compelled to leave their homes. A large district of South Harrisburg is inundated. Traffic is still demoralized on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad owing to the tracks being covered by water in and below street. The plants of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., the Central Iron Works and other industries are closed.

WILL NOT FORECLOSE.

Toronto, March 5.—It is understood the New York Life Insurance Co., which threatened to foreclose the mortgage it holds on the board of trade building, has agreed not to take this action, providing certain specified conditions are fulfilled.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

London, Ont., March 5.—William Hill, head cooper of the Lucan Milling Co., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid last night. The act was premeditated. Domestic troubles are supposed to have caused the death.

NEW RAILWAY LINES.

Acts Affecting Them to Be Introduced Into the House of Commons.

Among the notices given of bills to be introduced into the Dominion House at the next sitting is one to amend the Kettle River Valley Railway Company's Incorporation Act. An extension of time for completing the work is asked, and the following additional lines of railway are proposed to be constructed:

(a) From a point fifty miles up the north fork of the Kettle river, thence northerly by the most feasible route to Fire valley, thence northwesterly following the general course of Fire valley to Vernon, thence westerly to Nicola, thence northwesterly to Kamloops' Bridge;

(b) From a point on the line so to be constructed at or near the junction of the east fork and west fork of the north fork of Kettle river in a generally northwesterly direction to Franklin Camp, thence to Kilnarby as the most feasible route.

The opening of the canal means much to the Japanese," said Mr. Minekishi.

"It will increase our commercial interests, and the government wants full information so as to prepare for the enlargement of the harbors and the shipping facilities of our ports."

Mr. Minekishi believes the war with Russia will not continue longer than two years.

EARTHQUAKE.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 5.—A report from Sevierville, twenty-seven miles south, is to the effect that a distinct earthquake was felt there at 7:30 o'clock last night. It lasted about eight seconds and was general along the Appalachian mountain range. The shock travelled in a north-easterly direction, all reports of it in a mild form coming from other towns.

TUGBOAT RELEASED.

San Domingo, March 5.—The training ship Hartford, which has arrived here from San Pedro de Macoris, reports that the tugboat Burrow, belonging to the Clyde line of New York, which was recently seized and armed by the insurgents at San Pedro De Macoris, is again in the hands of her owners. The Hartford has left here for Guantanamo. The city is quiet.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Princess Alice of Bourbon, the divorced wife of Prince Frederick of Schönburg-Waldenburg, has joined the Russian Red Cross and started for the camps in the Far East.

The steamer St. Paul, which has sailed from Liverpool for New York, took a score of Japanese officers, who had been ordered home on account of war.

The session of the Japanese Diet opening on March 18th, will last only ten days. During the session the war credits will be submitted. Following the adjournment the Mikado will leave Tokio for Kioto.

Admiral Evans telegraphed the United States navy department that the annual record of target practice of the battleships and cruisers of the Asiatic fleet has been completed. The best single scores are as follows: In 11 minutes and 20 seconds, the best 13-inch gun of the Wisconsin made nine hits, the Oregon six hits and the Kentucky five hits. The best five-inch gun of the Kentucky made eleven hits in two minutes.

King Edward has approved the selection of Hon. Charles Harding, assistant under secretary for foreign affairs, and brother of Viscount Harding, to succeed Sir Charles Scott as British ambassador at St. Petersburg. Sir Charles retires at the end of April. Sir Elton Gorst, financial adviser to the Egyptian government, will replace Mr. Harding in the foreign office.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 7—5 a.m.—The pressure is low from California northward to British Columbia. High rain all sections west of the Cascades, a very heavy fall of 1.9 inches during the last 24 hours having occurred at Eureka, Cal., accompanied by a gale. Moderate winds and gales continue on the outside coast from the Straits of Fuca to the Columbia river. The weather is chiefly cloudy and mild.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, chiefly cloudy, with occasional rain, and not much change in temperature.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Moderate winds, cloudy, with moderate winds, cloudy and mild, with showers.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 41°; minimum, 39°; wind, calm; rain, .24"; weather, rainy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 41°; minimum, 38°; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .33"; weather, rainy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 36°; minimum, 34°; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 22°; minimum, 16°; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 44°; minimum, 32°; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Saturday—A E McNaughton, J J Dennis, S B Copeland, J Simpson, Mr Humphreys, H J Cave, Miss Constance, J B Kerr, J E Lewis, C J Cornish, T McLaren, R D Harris, A H Wescott, R J Kerr, Miss A Spencer, W C Sampson, R J Nott, W D Gordon, R W Clark, C R King, J C Holden, H McHardy, B Henderson.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Saturday—L P Duff, Frank Stevens, T Deubar, H Eason, H W Denton, Mrs Jones, J K McGregor and wife, C Pearson, G E Powell, F Bunnell, J Guastav, S J Plots, F N Swanson, B F Whitaker, J B Ingerson, D Russell, R G Gibbons, R Mount and wife, J H Brownlie, Jas Williams, J W Mills, F W Penfield, C E Beach, J H Plunkett, C C Keown.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Sunday—Miss Morris, R Herman and wife, Thos Waring, S R Ross, Roy Huggert, F W Gaston, H S Wilson, J Y Simpson, G H Wallis, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Corbett, J Munro, F Smith, W E Robbins, P Cormor, R O Vernon, Mrs Olson, A Beatty, A P James, H R Roder, Miss Holmes, J Gamble, Miss Cambie, C M Rolston, C James, W Worden, W A Lawson, J R Miller, A Bell, F E Combe, E G McLaren, E J McKay, J Wilson, Miss Gibson, G L Courtney, W Kirkpatrick, J Anderson, W A Johnson, F Haye and wife, Miss Delmar, J A Anderson, H Haye, Miss Park, Miss Holbeck.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Cal Prod Co, R P Blitch & Co, T F Simmons, W J Fraser & Co, M R Smith, B S Byras, S L & Co, J A Anderson, J Leigh & Sons, Fell & Co, P & L.

COAL SHIPMENTS.

Tonnage Sent From Extension and Nanaimo During Month of February.

During the month of February the foreign shipments of coal from the Extension and Nanaimo mines were 39,589 tons.

From Extension mines the shipments were as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Tons.
4-8-8. Aiki	292
6-8-8. Amur	391
8-8-8. Wellington	1,259
11-8-8. Santa Ana	553
13-8-8. Bertha	338
17-Ship Glory of the Seas	3,195
18-8-8. Tellus	3,565
24-8-8. Hero	5,569
27-8-8. Aiki	314
28-8-8. Princess May	338
29-Ship Wm. H. Macy	3,152
Total	22,326

Nanaimo shipped as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Tons.
1-8-8. New England	88
4-8-8. Titania	5,892
9-8-8. Columbia	68
10-8-8. Kingfisher	82
12-8-8. Wythefield	5,128
13-8-8. New England	38
21-8-8. Kingfisher	56
24-8-8. New England	74
28-8-8. Titania	5,771
Total	17,253

EXCITING SPORT.

William Nelson Cromwell, the representative of the French Panama canal commission, recently called on President Roosevelt in Washington. Mr. Cromwell is something of a sportsman, and during the interview he told the President a sporting anecdote.

"Some years ago," he said, "I spent a week in Germany shooting small game. To a German acquaintance one morning I happened to remark that I preferred to shoot in Africa because there was a spice of danger in the sport there."

"Ach," said my friend, "you like a spice of danger with your sport, eh? Den you go out shooting mit me. Den last time I go I shoot mine brudder-in-law in de leg."

If a flower pot is laid on its side the stalk of the plant growing in it will gradually curve upwards until it assumes a vertical position.

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MISS ANITA GOODWIN WEDS A CALIFORNIAN

Quiet Ceremony Surprised Friends Who Thought Wedding Would Take Place in May.

Our Wednesday last in San Francisco Miss Anita Goodwin, daughter of Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter H. Crowell, celebrated yesterday morning at Trinity church, with the distinguishing variation that instead of the shock of surprise affecting one of the active participants it fell to the experience of her family and friends.

"The element of suddenness; popularly supposed to be confined to the initial step of an engagement, formed an interesting feature of the wedding of Miss Anita Goodwin and Walter H. Crowell, celebrated yesterday morning at Trinity church, with the distinguishing variation that instead of the shock of surprise affecting one of the active participants it fell to the experience of her family and friends.

"Some two or three months ago the betrothal of Miss Goodwin and Mr. Crowell was announced, according to the prevailing custom in regard to such things, at an afternoon tea, and the matron elevated the amount of astonishment revelations of the kind usually provoke after twelve months of assiduous cultivation of each other's society on the part of a prominent young couple. Congratulations, tears with bridesmaids roses and luncheons with red hearts followed, and the affair was progressing in accordance with approved social prejudices, a large church wedding, with ushers, shower bouquets, white satin streamers and 'Loewengruen' strains in anticipation when the appearance of the marriage license to which legal formality required that their names be attached apprised the friends of Miss Goodwin and Mr. Crowell that their engagement was to reach a sudden and picturesque climax.

"In granting its consent, however, to the successful termination of a love affair, the law does not require its document of sanction to particularize further than as to the name, age and habitat of candidates, and the place of the wedding was not revealed, so that only the chosen few let into the secret were present at Trinity church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning when Mr. Crowell led his bride to the altar, where the ceremony was performed by Dr. Clappett.

"It had originally been decided that the wedding should not take place until May, but a change of plan resulted in yesterday's social sensation.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, and has passed most of her life in Victoria, British Columbia, where Mr. Helmcken is a prominent lawyer. Part of her education was received at Miss Lake's school, this city, and she has been visiting here for some time past. Mrs. Helmcken is at present travelling in Europe, and it was reluctantly to await her somewhat indefinite return that hastened the marriage.

"Mr. Crowell is the brother of M. A. Newell and Mrs. Alpheus Bull, and so zealously was the secret of the wedding guarded that the night before it was celebrated the Misses Kathleen, Marie and Edith Bull, guests at the home of Mrs. Alpheus Bull, were not aware of the interesting event about to take place in their brother's family.

"The bride's gown was of blue cloth, and she carried a cluster of violets.

"On their return from their wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. Crowell will become part of the family of M. and Mrs. M. A. Newell, at the beautiful Newell home on Van Ness avenue, where they will reside until the completion of their own residence, when the Newell home will be closed, the bridal couple will take possession of their new abode, and Mr. and Mrs. Newell will go to the St. Francis."

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The performance will commence at 8.15 p.m. promptly, owing to the length of the oratorio. It will be under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, His Worship Mayor Barnard, Hon. Senator Templeman, Hon. Senator Macdonald, Capt. Baker, R. N., Lieut.-Colonel Holmes, D.O.C., and Lieut.-Colonel Hall, commanding officer Fifth Regiment, C.A.

A MERCANTILE CHANGE.

Robert Ward Retires From Firm Bearing His Name.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says:

"Last week marked an important change in the personnel of the well-known firm of Messrs. Robert Ward & Company, Limited, commission merchants, shipping, insurance and financial agents, of this city and Victoria, when Robert Ward, the founder, who for the past seven years, has resided in London, England, sold his controlling interest to R. V. Winch, who has been so intimately connected with the salmon canning industry for many years, in this province, and on Puget Sound.

"The firm of Robert Ward & Company, Limited, in 1881 took over the business of Robert Ward & Company (which was established in 1888), the original shareholders and officers being Robert Ward, president; W. A. Ward, vice-president; and J. C. MacLure, secretary. A few years later Thomas R. Smith became a shareholder and director, and in 1890 W. A. Ward relinquished his interest. For the past five years the management has been in the hands of Thomas R. Smith, Victoria, and J. C. MacLure, Vancouver, as joint managing directors. In this report there is to be no change, except that they will now have the benefit of the able advice and assistance of their new president, R. V. Winch, one of the oldest residents in Vancouver, whose past business achievements are largely due to abilities as a financier, and sterling qualities generally. The shareholders and officers of the company now are: R. V. Winch, president; Thomas R. Smith and J. C. MacLure, joint managing directors; C. B. Stahlschmidt, director."

"I thought I had one when I left," he said, in a semi-apologetic way, "but I guess I must have forgotten to take it."

A second salesman sold him another umbrella. As he started to carry it from the shop, the first salesman confronted him.

"You left your umbrella, sir," the clerk said, as he held up the original purchase.

"Bless me, so I did," cried the lawyer, "and I suppose I was going off with some other man's!"

He pushed the second purchase into the hands of the surprised clerk, seized the first one, and dashed into the storm again with his umbrella—under his arm.

THE PASTOR'S PITY.—A prominent pastor of a Durham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered intensely from Inflammatory Rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure healed me. I pity those who suffer so much and do not know how near they are to a cure. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-tops." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—138.

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By Book Post

Ah! Incomparable Bellairs—(1), why did you come back to earth to be but a shrew? Everyone remembers Kitty in the Bath comedy, the pretty widow, incomparable Bellairs, and it would not have required any great prescience to foretell that sooner or later she would reappear in the delightful world of fiction created by the Castles. She was too fascinating a personage and her love affairs were too little rounded off to permit of her retirement. So, now we have her again in a book of her own and alas and alack! her temper has not improved in the interim. What was a touch of piety, a dimpled response, a dainty petulance, a dimmed disdain, is now rage or rakes brief if it be true, but learning, quickened by "little devil" in her eyes, and many a sharp speech. But it is nevertheless almost as attractive a Kitty as who flirts in the pages of the Bath comedy and rescues the innocent little maid, Lady Standish from her position as aggrieved wife. In the present volume she is successively engaged to Mr. Stafford and Lord Mandeville, and we leave her the betrothed of that mad Irishman, Dennis O'Hara, the impetuous heir of Lord Kilroker. Between the first engagement and the last a number of things happen. A ludicrous scene is that of the prevention of the marriage of Kitty and Mr. Stafford by the pert maid, Lydia, Stafford's little French milliner, and Dennis, Dennis, as Lydia's huge country aunt, makes a hit before the Bath public on his first appearance in that role. The touch of contrasting sadness is made by the love affair of Rachel Peace, the Quaker actress, and Lord Mandeville. In the end, through her sweetness and gentleness, his evil nature is changed and he marries her. But the past can never be undone. He reads deep in her eyes "the shadow of an unextinguishable sorrow.... With what a delicate pride would she not have held her head for his coronet—a little while ago! How bright a heart she would have brought him—a little while ago! His poor girl!" Pretty pen pictures are given of Kitty and Rachel in the chapter wherein is described the supper in Lord Mandeville's home. "At last there was a stir among the attendants without, and a rustle of trailing silks. Then the two folds of the door were flung open and, as in a frame—bewitched, bewitched, beweaved, with little head high held, conscious of its own incomparable dauntless; in her low-bosomed gown of pearl satin; diamonds flashing on cobweb laces... stood Kitty.... Then Rachel.... Now obedient she stood before him, the soft folds of shimmering grey trailing about her, the ropes of pearls round her white throat. But above all this delicate splendor, her face was so marble-white, her sweet eyes so dark with pain, her tender lips folded close upon such sorrow."

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VANCOUVER AFTER THE UNIVERSITY.

In Victoria the prevailing opinion seems to be that it would be premature to talk about the establishment of a British Columbia university at the present time. In Vancouver the subject is a live one. Local magnates are organizing for the purpose of endowing a university with a large land grant in the neighborhood of the Terminal City. They are to be commended for their zeal. They know what we ought to know: that action which may lead to the eventual establishment of an institution for the higher education of British Columbians cannot be premature. The endowment of Toronto university was secured a great many years before there was thought to be any demand for such a school. It was an easy matter to confer a land grant when land was of no value. The longer action is postponed in British Columbia the more difficult it will be to convince the government of the necessities of the case. We would like to know whether there are not individuals or companies in Victoria as public-spirited and as far-seeing as there are in Vancouver. There are numerous sites in the neighborhood of the city that would be ideal places in which to plant a university. There are advantages of climate to be found here such as are not to be met with in any portion of the Dominion. Many residents of the prairies who have come here and purchased property for the purpose of settling down for life will testify to that fact. It is estimated that in ten years at the present rate of progress there will be at least a million people in the Northwest Territories alone. They will be the most prosperous class in the country. A large proportion of them will spend all the winter and a considerable portion of the year in British Columbia. They will congregate in the places which afford the greatest attractions. If it were possible for Victoria to add to her admirable climatic conditions the advantages of higher education at minimum cost her position as a residential city without a rival would be established. This is a matter for the most serious consideration of the Tourist Association or of any other public body or private individual. It is a question that was raised in this city in the first instance. The people of Vancouver, with their usual enterprise, have taken it up more seriously than we have and are going about the business involved in a more determined and practical manner. We say, "yet a little sleep." They say, "we must act at once."

CONCESSIONS TO THE RABBLE.

Doubtless many of our friends are wondering why their contributions to the important subjects of the observance of the Sabbath and the winning of the souls of Indians have not appeared in the Times. To be frank, the very thing we feared when we consented to the opening of the controversy has happened. We have been deluged with manuscripts dealing with every conceivable phase of the questions. It is not that the interest in the matters appears to extend over a very large field. The extraordinary fecundity of argument and remarkable facility for the quotation of Scripture of a few individuals disturb us. We have a war on our hands at present, and although there is not a great deal of news coming through, we do not know the day or the hour when there will be a deluge. Russian officials say there will be nothing doing for a month. But we are not so sure of that. They have already complained of the unconventional precipitancy of the Japanese, and as no one can tell what may happen we must reserve some space for emergencies. Then there is the usual quota of local and foreign affairs to chronicle. Man, like his better half, is a "gossipy" animal. He prefers the small talk about the current affairs of this evanescent world to deep, metaphysical and theological speculations about the future. Newspapers are compelled to make allowances for such weaknesses. Those which refuse to make a note of the trivial affairs of this shallow world and give

up all their space to the things that really matter are for the most part regarded with contempt and disdain by the people who live in this sphere of realities. We hope that some day they may be brought to see the error of their ways. But as in the meantime we are in the midst of them and of them as by them "we live and move and have our being" as a newspaper, we are compelled to make some concessions to their idiosyncrasies.

Above all, it may be that the great ruler of the universe has such large affairs on his hands that he does not care whether the people here below worship him specially on the first or on the seventh day of the week. Possibly he does not pay any heed at all to human arbitrary divisions of time. The correspondence is closed.

A NATIONAL ALTRUIST.

Russians are deeply pained at the distrust of the designs of their leaders manifested in this part of the world. They plead most tearfully for a renewal of the old understanding with the United States. They cannot understand why Anglo-Saxons should frown upon a Christian nation bordering on extremity and smile in approval upon acts, however gallant, of a pack of heathens. They are stemming the tide of barbarism which threatens civilization. If it flows over them it will eventually submerge all that is good and beautiful, benign and merciful, in government. A very pathetic plea, but Russia has a history, and that history robs the appeal of a good deal of its force. The day has gone by for men to smile approval upon the deeds of a devil performed in the name of the gentle founder of Christianity. Besides there is the question of policy to consider. In these days it is preposterous for nations of predatory instincts to give reasons for their acts of aggression. In times when war might be declared at the whim of a potentate there was no necessity for subterfuge. They seized such territory as they coveted, if they could. The Czar's legions in their last southern excursion "for the protection of Christians" descended upon Constantinople. They went back, not because they were menaced by a British fleet, but because it was the will of their master. So we are told. But if they had thought themselves master of the situation—that occasion they would have been in Constantinople yet. It would have been such a case as Manchuria. The Christians would not have been safe without the protecting arm which responds to the promptings of that great Christian heart.

But sceptical people will look into the heart of things. There are advantages in the Russian system of "government." It has the saving grace of continuity of purpose. There is no fluctuation in response to the will of an indeterminate, vacillating electorate. The statesman takes up the burden at the point where his predecessor laid it down and the dominating purpose is never relaxed until it is crowned with success. The present Czar is a man of peace. Not is there any doubt that he is in earnest in his desire to avoid bloodshed. But there is reason to believe that the Czar is regarded by his counsellors as a weakling. They conduct the affairs of the country nominally in conformity with his will, but actually in pursuance of a fixed and definite purpose. The plan upon which they are acting is said to have been prepared by no less a personage than Peter the Great, who aimed at the conquest of the world. His programme has been made public by the London Chronicle. It is said to be preserved in the archives of the palace of Peterhoff. The fact that a considerable part of the programme has already been performed and that the whole of it is in tune with much more than has been attempted lends strength to the claim of authenticity. Peter counselled his successors to "keep the Russian nation in a constant state of warlike readiness, and the soldier prepared for battle and warlike activity; choose the most opportune moments for aggression, and thus make peace serve the ends of war, and war promote the objects of peace, in the interest of the aggrandisement and growing prosperity of Russia."

Then follow instructions for the subjugation of Poland, which concludes with the crafty suggestion that, if the neighboring powers oppose difficulties, they should be soothed for a time by apportioning shares in such a manner that the gift may be revoked. "Take the most you can from Sweden, and cause her to attack you, which will give you pretext for subjugating her. It will serve you to Isolate her from Denmark, and Denmark from Sweden, or to foster carefully their rivalry." With regard to Great Britain, Peter counsels this country to cultivate alliance with us in commercial matters in preference to all other. The next advice tendered to Russia:

"Sweden dismembered, Persia vanquished, Persia direction of Constantinople and the Indies. He who reigns there will be the true ruler of the world. To work this out raise wars continually—at one time against Turkey, at another against Persia; hasten the decay of Persia, and penetrate to the Persian Gulf; establish, if possible, via Syria, the ancient commerce of the east, and push onwards to the Indies, which are the entrepot of the world. Once there, you need not fear the gold of England."

"Sweden dismembered, Persia vanquished, Poland subjugated, Turkey conquered, our armies concentrated, the Black Sea and the Baltic swept by our

feet, and secretly, first to the Court of Versailles, and then to that of Vienna to share with them the empire of the world." Peter then explains that, if either of these powers fall into the scheme, the other can be conquered easily, and having done this, the new ally is to be crushed, leaving Russia in possession of all the east, and the major part of Europe.

President Young in his testimony before the Senate committee said the Mormon church rules or etiquette or articles of faith, or whatever the governing ordinances may be called, compelled a devout man bent upon living up to his principles to obtain the consent of his first wife before taking unto himself a second. If she would not agree she might be threatened with "destruction," we presume in the hope of bringing her into a reasonable frame of mind. But if the better half still persisted that she objected to being reduced to a mere fraction by the introduction of several wives into the household, the pious husband might proceed about carrying out the "will of God" without her consent. The successor of Brigham was not sure about the method of carrying out the sentence of "destruction" ordinary wives brought upon themselves. He did not know whether the treatment prescribed for recalcitrants was to be taken literally. He was not clear in his mind whether any one had ever been subjected to the destructive process. And yet he is the head of the church. He occupies the seat of Brigham Young. There is one thing quite apparent. The acquiescence of wives in the plural domestic arrangements of husbands is a mere matter of form.

NEWSBOY'S AGES.

To the Editor:—Owing to the adverse criticism which Ald. Grahame has received from the press of the city regarding his motion to regulate the ages of children who sell papers on the street, I wish to say that the alderman is perfectly right in making a protective age limit in the city law, and the only fault is he makes the limit too high. But it should not be lowered to less than eight years. The alderman says 12 years, but this can easily be amended. Any casual observer well knows that it is a shame to see the little mites under a reasonable age crying around the streets at night. In the past years I have on several occasions gone home with them, and only a few months ago, the last time, I took a sergeant of the police along with me, and escorted the little lad, who was afraid to go because he had not sold all he had. Now, in face of all the editorial criticism, I say this state of things should not be tolerated in our fair city.

W. J. HANNA.

REFORM IN SPELLING.

To the Editor:—In your last issue a new animal kingdom as "A Kind of a Crank," and has been seen only once before, and that in the days of Balanchine, now again speaks, and as in the days of now makes the world wonder. He puts on his spectacles with the gravity of his Darwinian ancestors and goes through our city reading signs painted on fences, walls, rocks and the sides of old buildings; to test the orthography of the honest, hard-working, but poorly paid sign-painters, and after a week's search behind he makes a discovery which will hand his name down to generations yet unborn, as the one prodigious genius of the nineteenth century, in literature a very paragon. Shakespeare and Bacon are nowhere! He finds the word library spelt with an e—library. Being ignorant of this being the American, and, de facto, the correct spelling, for the word library is from the Latin word liber, a book, this "eccentric" rushes to his den and writes a learned and an elaborate treatise on this "fiddle-dum and fiddle-dee," which he discovered on the patched, rickety old board fence at the "Carnegie Library." Parturient menses, nascetur ridiculus mus. Should this learned philosopher make another such discovery, the very ghost of Scotland's bard will exclaim: "Oh, wad some puir gifte gie us, To see o'erse as aither sees us!" It wad frae mony a blunder free us, And foolish notion."

SPELLING.

To the Editor:—Every few days your column piles up fresh facts to indicate in support of the growing popular demand to withstand the increasing demands for money for educational purposes. Your statistics last evening call attention to the fact that the actual attendance in the schools was less by 14 than it was twelve months since; and to this must be added the significant fact that 93 of those attending the schools are over 16 years of age, an increase of 18 over the previous year.

These figures surely demonstrate the fact that whilst the population of the city increases at something like 450 per annum, the attendance at the public schools is steadily decreasing in new juvenile entries, and, what is more noticeable still, the item teachers' salaries was actually increased last year by \$5,500. Surely there is something incongruous in comparing these figures.

The fact is we are providing accommodation and tuition free of expense to pupils over and above the statutory age to such an extent that those who are fairly entitled to it are crowded out, and the schools are failing in the object of their existence and maintenance. No pupil should be a burden on the taxes over the age of fourteen or fifteen. After eight or nine years of public bounty, such pupils should be drafted apart and pay their way for such further tuition as may be considered best in their interests in life. There are somewhere about 400 pupils in the schools at the present time, the rest of whose accommodation and tuition should be removed from the shoulders of the taxpayers.

The education of the present day is not a sound business proposition. The Superintendent of education says in your columns: "In the face of those facts it would appear almost unnecessary for me to point out that the per capita grant is altogether too large. The total cost of education will soon absorb a larger proportion of the provincial revenue than any other single service in the estimates."

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tries, and thus relieve the rates of some of this crushing burden, and the most effective way to secure this reform is to refuse all further extraordinary grants to the school trustees until this reform is secured and the School Act amended accordingly.

THOS. C. SORBY.

March 5th, 1904.

A MISTAKEN COMPLIMENT.

To the Editor:—It is somewhat to be regretted that in our desire to pay what might seem a decided compliment, we are not sufficiently careful of the feelings of those whom we would honor. I am sorry to say that the local advertising of the entertainment to be given to-morrow evening in aid of the lifeboat fund, the committee consisting of soldiers and sailors appearing in uniform will be admitted at half price. These gentlemen do not seek gratuitous popularity, nor do they wish to appear conspicuous in the public eye. They are in His Majesty's service, but not as mercenaries, and are quite prepared to meet their obligations as citizens. Such spontaneous advertising on the part of the committee has defeated the purpose for which it was intended, and a large number of our uniformed friends will be found wanting to-morrow evening. This is not because of any lack of sympathy with the object of the entertainment.

JOHN P. HICKS,
Wesleyan Chaplain.

BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENARY.

Rev. Dr. Campbell Spoke on the Holy Book Yesterday Morning.

Rev. Dr. Campbell at First Presbyterian church yesterday, in reference to the Bible and the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, said:

"This is an epoch making day, for the little Welsh girl this morning rings the British and Foreign Bible Society bell around the whole world; and millions of people are with us to commemorate the organization of this society, which has done more for the spread of the Gospel than any other society. Its success has been phenomenal. I am going to speak of the theories of inspiration, but for a few minutes hold up the Bible to your view and let you judge for yourselves what kind of a book it is. I have much sympathy with those who have honest doubt of the authenticity of this old book. I would say to them, examine it thoroughly, for the Bible has nothing to fear from thorough examination, but has much to fear from superficial examination.

"The Bible is either the worst or the best book that ever was placed in the hand of man. If it is what it professes to be, it is the best; if not, it is the worst. It has been demolished, cut to pieces, and destroyed thousands of times by critics and bitter opponents, but there it majestically lies on the sacred desk as complete and beautiful as ever. The books written by the Bible would make a pyramid as high as the spire of this church, but they had no effect on the Word of God, for it has God at the back of it, and in it, and around it, and is sent to the world to stay, and stay it will till its work is done, and then it will fold its wings and return to the great, sympathetic heart of Him who gave it by inspiration, and destined it to be profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness, that the man of God may be educated and thoroughly furnished unto good works.

"It has been written by 35 men, living in different countries, and extending over 1,500 years, and yet the 66 books which constitute the Bible are a unit in concord and harmony, which shows that it was designed by one mind, and that the mind of the great I Am, and given to us, as the Bible itself states: 'Holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.' The effect of this book is that while no other book produced—change the hearts of men. No book on science, or philosophy, or astronomy—changed the heart of any man, but the Bible did that of Saul, the bloodthirsty tiger of Tarsus, and myriads of others.

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WRESTLING.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNEY.

Two matches will take place this evening in the Victoria theatre. The principal struggle will be that between D. A. McMillan, champion mixed wrestler of America, and Chief Two-Feathers, of Montana. The conditions of this match are that the Indian must throw his opponent three times in an hour in order to win the contest. This is an undertaking which should prove anything but easy. McMillan is a brawny Scot over 6 feet tall with muscles hardened by years of training. He has a reputation extending throughout the States and, with his experience, is likely to be a formidable opponent for the stalwart Indian. Two-Feathers is younger, taller and perhaps stronger than McMillan, but has not had the experience. The match should therefore be a struggle well worth witnessing.

As a preliminary a match has been arranged between Jack O'Neill, manager for Two Feathers, and five sailors from H. M. S. Flora, namely, Barry, Frebury, Jernad, Hudson and Green. He must obtain a fall from each of these men within an hour's actual wrestling time or sacrifice a forfeit of \$25, which, in the event of their being successful, will be divided among the sailors. This contest is also expected to be interesting.

LACROSSE.

VANCOUVER'S TEAM.

"The annual meeting of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club will be held in the course of the next few weeks, when the club will organize for the season," says the News-Advertiser. "The officers of the club are of the opinion that Vancouver will be represented by another champion twelve this year, and, judging by the enthusiasm shown by the players in general, there will be many new candidates for a place on the team. Of the old team, Mart Barr will be out of the game this season, and Fred Murray and Sandy Cowan are both out of the city, but it is expected that these will be the only changes in the personnel of the twelve. Sam Norman will be at his old place in the flags, while Lionel Yorke will, as usual, take care of the inside home player of the opposing twelve. Joe Reynolds will again play at cover point, and it is probable that Alex Allan, Nick Morrison and Walter Matheson will form the defence field. Of the home players, there will be Frank Wright, "Chick" Godfrey, "Billy" Brien, George Matheson and Cliff Cao, while several of the intermediates will be given a chance to show their prowess in senior company. Bob Cameron is one of these, and he should be given a show this year. He is a clever stickholder, a good shot and has an abundance of speed."

BASKETBALL.

TO PLAY VANCOUVER.

"Arrangements have been completed to have the James Bay basketball team of Victoria play in this city on Saturday next, when they will meet the Sixth Regiment team in a scheduled match in the provincial league series.

"In connection with this match, two local ladies' teams will play an exhibition game for trophies."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

VICTORIA VS. VANCOUVER.

A match will be played in the near future between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams. The latter have now played two games with the New Westminster girls, and won both. They are therefore even with the local five in the struggle for the provincial championship.

The standing of the league follows:

P. W. L. F.			
Vancouver.....	2	0	4
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When once the Amazon ants have determined to raid a neighboring settlement for slaves, the nest is a scene of wild excitement. The raiders assemble upon the rounded exterior of their hill, and hurry about as if they were having a field-day. When at last the master is complete, the raiders move forward to the village which is to be attacked. The ants who are made to do the work of the conqueror are always those of a different species. Ants never enslave their own brethren.

A few hundred yards distant, perhaps, is the village which is to be attacked. If it is a large and strong one, the inhabitants will probably fight for their liberty. The workers hastily barricade galleries, and nurses gather the young into interior rooms for concealment or reader escape. Then comes the battle royal. The ground is covered with a confused mass of struggling combatants. Here and there groups are mingled together in such a tangle of interlocked jaws and limbs that only the fighters themselves can tell friend from foe.

The slave-makers are not always victorious, but they generally are; and as they travel homeward, one may see a warrior dragging along a trophy of stature in the shape of a severed black head. Here and there groups are mingled together in such a tangle of interlocked jaws and limbs that only the fighters themselves can tell friend from foe.

Sometimes the survivors in the village will follow and harass the rear of the column, pounce on the stragglers, and succeed in rescuing a few captives. Before long the fugitives return from the grass and fern whither they had fled with their young, or from the recesses where they had been barricaded, and the life of the community is reorganized.

At the end of the first half the one stood 8 to 0 against the Nanaimo boys.

During the first half of the basketball game on Friday night between Victoria West and Ladysmith, the local boys seemed to be somewhat dazed," says the Nanaimo Herald. "The visitors simply played rings around them, and while it is certain that the Nanaimo team did not beat them, they could not have appeared more like a bunch of midgets.

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On account of the inclemency of the weather, the provincial league match that was scheduled to be played on Saturday between the Victoria and Garrison teams at Work Point was postponed. The game will take place on the first Saturday convenient for both elevens.

WRESTLING.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNEY.

Two matches will take place this evening in the Victoria theatre. The principal struggle will be that between D. A. McMillan, champion mixed wrestler of America, and Chief Two-Feathers, of Montana. The conditions of this match are that the Indian must throw his opponent three times in an hour in order to win the contest. This is an undertaking which should prove anything but easy. McMillan is a brawny Scot over 6 feet tall with muscles hardened by years of training.

He has a reputation extending throughout the States and, with his experience, is likely to be a formidable opponent for the stalwart Indian. Two-Feathers is younger, taller and perhaps stronger than McMillan, but has not had the experience. The match should therefore be a struggle well worth witnessing.

As a preliminary a match has been arranged between Jack O'Neill, manager for Two Feathers, and five sailors from H. M. S. Flora, namely, Barry, Frebury, Jernad, Hudson and Green. He must obtain a fall from each of these men within an hour's actual wrestling time or sacrifice a forfeit of \$25, which, in the event of their being successful, will be divided among the sailors. This contest is also expected to be interesting.

LACROSSE.

VANCOUVER'S TEAM.

"The annual meeting of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club will be held in the course of the next few weeks, when the club will organize for the season," says the News-Advertiser. "The officers of the club are of the opinion that Vancouver will be represented by another champion twelve this year, and, judging by the enthusiasm shown by the players in general, there will be many new candidates for a place on the team. Of the old team, Mart Barr will be out of the game this season, and Fred Murray and Sandy Cowan are both out of the city, but it is expected that these will be the only changes in the personnel of the twelve. Sam Norman will be at his old place in the flags, while Lionel Yorke will, as usual, take care of the inside home player of the opposing twelve. Joe Reynolds will again play at cover point, and it is probable that Alex Allan, Nick Morrison and Walter Matheson will form the defence field. Of the home players, there will be Frank Wright, "Chick" Godfrey, "Billy" Brien, George Matheson and Cliff Cao, while several of the intermediates will be given a chance to show their prowess in senior company. Bob Cameron is one of these, and he should be given a show this year. He is a clever stickholder, a good shot and has an abundance of speed."

BASKETBALL.

TO PLAY VANCOUVER.

"Arrangements have been completed to have the James Bay basketball team of Victoria play in this city on Saturday next, when they will meet the Sixth Regiment team in a scheduled match in the provincial league series.

"In connection with this match, two local ladies' teams will play an exhibition game for trophies."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

VICTORIA VS. VANCOUVER.

A match will be played in the near future between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams. The latter have now played two games with the New Westminster girls, and won both. They are therefore even with the local five in the struggle for the provincial championship.

The standing of the league follows:

P. W. L. F.			
Vancouver.....	2	0	4
Victoria.....	2	2	0
New Westminster.....	4	0	0

DEFEATED LADYSMITH.

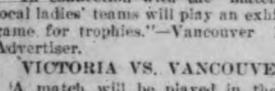
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Thousands of Sick People Seeking Admittance to Overcrowded Hospitals—Take Warning and Keep Up Your Strength.

A com of the hospitals in the large Canadian cities shows a surprising number suffering from different complaints brought on by the present unhealthy weather.

The wilts are full of seething dampness and loaded with myriads of germs just waiting for a favorable opportunity to dry down your throat. If your vitality is low these germs are sure to break out in some malignant disease.

To avoid sickness you must keep up your strength. Increase your appetite. Get as much nourishment into the blood as possible. Store up a reserve of vigor.

How can it be done? Very easily with Ferrozone which revitalizes all the functions of the body, stimulates the formation of pure, rich blood, invigorates digestion and renewes the endurance of the whole system.

You can ward off sickness and fight disease with Ferrozone, because it is a food tonic that supplies building material for exhausted tissues. This assures firm, hard, flesh, strong sinew and muscle—in short, Ferrozone builds up your system so a vigorous, healthy state of health is almost impossible.

If you feel the need of a bracing tonic, something that will awaken your dormant energies and send a stream of strong, healthy blood dancing through your veins, try Ferrozone and see how quickly you will improve and gain in weight, health and spirits.

Mrs. C. P. Spence of Beverly, P. O., writes: "About a year ago I was greatly run down. I suffered from severe headaches and felt so completely worn out and depressed that I thought I must have walking typhoid. My appetite was poor and my color was pallid, indicating that my blood was too thin. I found Ferrozone just what I needed. It increased my appetite and made me stronger. The feeling of languor disappeared. After using Ferrozone a few weeks I felt like a new woman. It made me as strong and healthy. No medicine did me so much good as Ferrozone."

Far better to take Ferrozone than let your health run down. Get it to-day. Look out for substitutes and insist on having nothing but Ferrozone. Price 50c. per box or six boxes for \$2.50, at all drugists or by mail, from N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., and Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

Finalson and Pettingill, at guard for the Bays, made an effective defense, while Smith, Hughes and Peden were at times irresistible in their attacks. Their combination and shooting was as good as any witnessed this season at the drill hall.

Ed. Whyte, at centre for the Y. M. C. A., was undoubtedly the most prominent of that team's players. He worked hard and took every opportunity that offered to show his skill. His efforts were ably seconded by Lovelidge and McCracken. At guard, Lovelidge and Lorimer watched their checks closely.

Stanley Porter acted as referee. Since he has acted in this position the last few matches have been much faster. Free shots are not awarded unless some flagrant breach of the rules is committed. For the many involuntary faults that occur in any contest playing is stopped and the ball thrown up between the two men directly concerned. This it has been shown makes a faster game and is just as effective.

FOR B. C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is announced that the Nanaimo team has consented to play a match here with Victoria West for the provincial championship as soon as arrangements can be made to the local teams. The game will be arranged for the first Saturday evening that the drill hall is available. The Coal City team understands the necessity of being in the pink of condition in order to successfully defend their right to that honor, and will practice regularly during the interval between now and the time the game is played. A fast and exciting struggle is therefore anticipated.

ALMOST EVERY WOMAN

Is inclined to habitual constipation and should use Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Buttercup which cleanse the system and regulate the stomach and bowels. For mild and sure relief use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

THE CHINOOK.

The Chinook is one of the peculiarities and one of the blessings of Western Assiniboin and Southern Alberta. It affects the head of territory contiguous to the foothills of the Rocky mountains, blowing down the slopes as a gentle breeze in the winter time, and in summer tempering the heat as a current of cool and moistened air. The Chinook is so called because it blows from the quarter where the land opposite is inhabited by the Chinook Indians, on the banks of the lower Columbia river. Its name is explained in the terms of meteorology somewhat as follows: Some area of low pressure or cyclone centre forms east of the mountains, and draws the air in from all sides. The air on the plains advances obliquely towards the storm centre, on the left-hand inward spiral course followed by such winds. The air along the bases of the mountains, on the other hand, moves out to take the place of the latter, while the air shifts at the height of the mountain crests and beyond descends to replace that which before lay at the bases. This descending current is the Chinook, and it persists so long as the cyclone centre remains in position. The Chinook makes winter ranching in Alberta possible, the great herds of cattle and horses remaining on the plains, where the snow seldom interrupts their grazing for any length of time, disappearing rapidly before the warm winds.

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Cut glass and bric-a-brac should always be washed with Sunlight Soap. Shave enough Sunlight Soap into a pan, one-quarter full of lukewarm water and whisk into a lather. Wash the articles thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth. This insures that brilliancy and sparkle so much admired in cut glass articles. Sunlight Soap can be used to clean and brighten all through the household. It is the purest and best soap made.

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Sunlight Soap washes the clothes white without injuring the hands.

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timately have the management of the sawmill, which will for the next month or so, however, be run by the present management.

REVELSTOKE.

The Camborne correspondent of the Herald, writing on February 20th, says: "During the past week business has been brisk, consequent upon the Great Northern Mines Limited, and the Calumet & C. Gold Mines, Limited, disbursing some \$8,000 in cheques. Besides the two properties mentioned Camborne receives much financial benefit from the different lumbering outfits employed along the Fish river. It is announced that the Ashcroft Lumber Company will erect a new modern mill at this point to replace the one recently destroyed. It will be located on Fish river, and will add a considerable pay-roll."

"An agitation has been started for the purpose of circulating petitions" by Ferguson, Beaton and Trout Lake City urging the government to establish a daily mail service in the Upper Lillooet.

"A petition is in circulation between here and Beaton addressed to Hon. W. A. Galliher, M. P., requesting him to use his influence with the Dominion government for the purpose of having the river approach to Beaton made navigable."

GRAND FORKS.

It is stated on good authority that the Kettle Valley Railway Company has ordered their surveyors to make immediate preparations to complete a survey of the proposed north fork branch which will commence at this city and terminate at the well known Franklin camp, 50 miles up the north fork of the Kettle river. It was given out a short time ago that the company was prepared to go ahead with this branch just as soon as provincial aid was granted them, and although the government did not bring down a railway policy at the last session, yet it is pretty well understood that the Kettle Valley company have the assurance from the McBride government that the promised aid will be granted them. George A. Fraser, M. P. P. who has just returned from Victoria, says there is no reason why the company should not be at work on the road in thirty days. This is taken to indicate that the question of provincial aid is practically settled.

At a meeting of the police commissioners H. A. Sheads was appointed chief of police, vice Chief Dan McMillan, resigned. A. E. Savage will remain chief of the fire department and assistant to the chief of police.

ROSSLAND.

The shipments for the week ending Saturday night from the Rossland mines were as follows: Le Roi, 5,248 tons; Centre Star, 1,080 tons; War Eagle, 780 tons; Kooteenay, 180 tons; Jumbo, 280 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 390 tons; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 340 tons; total, 8,408 tons; total for the year to date, \$2,690 tons.

The snowfall in the early part of the week interfered somewhat with shipments from the camp, but in all the mines operations proceeded steadily and good progress was made. The outlook for enhanced activity at the mines in the coming spring and summer is now especially bright. Continued splendid developments in the Le Roi deeps assure a wider scope of operations, and the Le Roi No. 2 Company is now expected to inaugurate an active programme of deep-level exploration in the Jumbo mines as an outcome of the discoveries in the Le Roi deeps. It is fully expected that 200 additional miners will be added to the crews of the principal mines, and that 100 men in building trades will be employed in construction work now planned.

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MEDIAEVAL QUACKS.

The Doctors of By-Gone Days and Their Remedies.

The herbalists were among those who were pursued in France and England by royal ordinances for the illegal practice of medicine. Philippe the Fair in 1314, John the Good in 1352, had made severe decrees against them.

To have an idea of what their recipes might be we must recall that the medicine protected by the statutes of the kingdom was. We must remember that John of Gaddesden Court, doctor under Edward II, got rid of the traces of the poisons by wrapping the sick man in red cloths; he treated thus the heir to the throne himself.

He had for a long time been troubled how to cure stone. "At last," says he in his "Rosa Anglica," I thought of collecting a good quantity of those beetles, which in summer are found in the dung of oxen, also of the crickets which sing in the fields.

"I cut off the heads and the wings of the crickets and put them with the common oil into a pot; I covered it and left it afterwards for a day and night in a bread oven.

"I drew out the pot and heated it at a moderate fire; I pounded the whole and rubbed the sick parts; in three days the pain had disappeared; under the influence of the beetles and the crickets the stone was broken into bits."

"My partner was Lady Wyatville, the widow of a celebrated architect. She was then over eighty years of age, sharp, active and intelligent, and still showed the traces of a beauty which must in her youth have been remarkable.

"The lady revoked, and being accused of it, vehemently denied the fact, and treated the proofs of it with haughty disdain, and not very polite contradiction.

"Sir John lost patience with her, and abruptly rising in his chair, said—Madame, you are a cheat."

"Agreed with heart and soul," said the other.

"You are a fool!" added a third.

"You are another!" briskly but weakly answered the first.

"You are a freak of nature, a rogue and vagabond!" was the rejoinder then vouchsafed. Eyes glittered, voices rang out high, fists were clenched, and threats were uttered.

"A dual, sure as death," muttered the excited onlookers. But no; lunch time intervened, and better counsels prevailed—helped, perhaps, by the soothing effect of good wine, red and white.

At the afternoon sitting, the quandom enemies each arose in his place and formally and with many bows retracted word for word every sentence of the morning.

"It shall be as if it had not been spoken," said the one.

"Agreed with heart and soul," said the other.

"Let me be friends indeed," claimed in the third.

Hereupon the contending parties rose from their places and embraced in tender fashion.—London Sketch.

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A RUBBER OF WHIST.

A good whist story was given to the world some years ago by Dr. Charles Mackay, the hero of which was Sir John.

"Sir John was staying," said Mackay, "at the Bains de Tivoli in Paris, where I also happened to be a guest. He invited me to his private room in the evening for a rubber of whist.

"My partner was Lady Wyatville, the widow of a celebrated architect. She was then over eighty years of age, sharp, active and intelligent, and still showed the traces of a beauty which must in her youth have been remarkable.

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KAMLOOPS.

The hearing of the Chinese gambling cases, the second chapter in the story of the police raid on Monday night, occupied the greater part of Wednesday and Thursday, and resulted in the conviction of 26 out of 28 of the accused, two being dismissed.

Kloyo Pi was fined \$30 and costs or two months in jail; Pi was the banker. Ah Bun and Ah Lee, said to have been the dealers, were mulcted \$25 a piece and costs, with the same alternative as Pi.

A batch of 18 were fined \$20 a piece with costs or two months' imprisonment. Five Chinks, ancient and indigent, were let out on suspended sentence. Only one Chink failed to pay.

Mr. MacIntyre, who appeared for the Celestials, says an appeal will be entered.

The Lytton correspondent of the Sentinel says: "The town of Lytton has been suddenly thrown into the deepest mourning by the untimely death of Mrs. Smith, wife of Francis Smith, the popular engineer of the Fraser River Gold Dredging Company. It is only just over a week ago since Mr. Smith was united in the bonds of matrimony, his bride having come all the way from New Zealand. They were quietly married in Vancouver on February 24th, the day of her arrival, and arrived at their future home at Lytton on the following Friday. On Tuesday, March 1st, Mrs. Smith was taken violently ill and Dr. Sanson was summoned from Ashcroft, who pronounced her to be suffering from acute pneumonia, and notwithstanding every attention she passed away at 11 o'clock the same evening."

The long pending sale of the Kamloops sawmill has been completed, and that property has now changed hands, the new owners being a concern in which the Hon. G. E. Foster, G. W. Fowler, M. P., G. McCormick, M. P., and Wm. Irwin hold large interests. The same company have recently acquired other mill and lumber interests in the Okanagan districts and other points. The Kamloops sawmill was one of the properties owned by the Ashcroft Water & Electric Improvement Company. The property sold includes, in addition to the mill here, the logging, etc., interests on Shuswap lake. The Ashcroft Water & Electric Improvement Company still retain the Ashcroft business and timber limits outside of Kamloops lake. Mr. Fowler will

not be present at the sale.

In the country, like most of the other wayfarers, the quack cure found means almost always to escape the rigor of the law.

Envelopes were invented in 1623, but they did not come into general use in this country until 1830.



Mrs. Hughson, of Chicago, whose letter follows, is another woman in high position who owes her health to the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for several years with general weakness and bearing-down pains, caused by womb trouble. My appetite was poor, and I would lie awake for hours, and could not sleep, until I seemed more weary in the morning than when I retired. After reading one of your advertisements I decided to try the merits of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so glad I did. Not only does the good it did me, but I took three bottles faithfully, and besides building up my general health, it drove all disease and poison out of my body, and made me feel as spry and active as a young girl. Mrs. Pinkham's medicines are certainly all they are claimed to be.

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NOT IN GUIDE BOOKS.

But Italian House of Deputies Never Failed to Amuse Strangers.

Those visitors to Rome who find that their outdoor excursions have been prevented by the surly behavior of King Sun ought really to pay a visit to the Italian chamber (writes a correspondent).

There they will find amusement enough to drive away for ever all unkink thoughts of the country in which they are guests of the hour. If rain is falling out of doors, they may be sure that within the chamber there is hailing a very storm of epithets, abusive as they are expressive.

A splendid example was given recently of the Italian deputy's fondness of word abuse. A question had been asked in the Naples museum, and the subject of archaeology was in this manner introduced into the discussion.

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What do you know of archaeology?

asked one.

"You don't know how to read or write, anyway," retorted the other.

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Tuesday, March 15th

At City Auction Mart, 58 Broad street, a
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2 fathoms deep, 100 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, 2
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Mirror; B. W. Centre Table; Antique Bed-
room Suite; Mahogany Armoire; Artistic
Hare; Hand Carved Chairs; Double
Sewing Machine; Rockers; Pictures; Brass
and Iron Beds; Part Dining Room Services;
By Wm. Parkinson, cost \$80; 6500; cost \$80;
Dresser; Cupboard; Sea Clocks; Small
Antique Sideboard; Swing Mirror; Very
Old Style Hall Stand; Marble Top; Hanging
Lamps; Brass Fire Irons; Commode;
Billiard Table; Small Cabinet; Small
Chairs; Silverware; Glassware; Crusts;
Walnut Desk; Canary Bird; Large Sofa,
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READY FOR SESSION.

Ottawa, March 7.—Sir Hibbert Tup-
per has arrived here for the session of
parliament.

E. J. WALL.

Hen Combination

We wish to inform our Patrons and Friends that the Hen Combination has burst, with the result that Eggs, strictly fresh, will be sold on Saturday at 25 cents per dozen.

Please hurry up and get a look in.

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**STEAMERS OF JAP
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**RED CROSS NURSES
WILL LEAVE ON IYU**

**Queen City Brings Live Stock, Ore and
Fish Shipments—Sealers Secure
Crews—Notes.**

Nine nurses from Philadelphia, under
the guidance of Dr. Anita Newcombe
McGee, going to succor the sick and
wounded of the Japanese army, will
leave on the steamer *Iyu Maru* on Wed-
nesday. They have tendered their services
without hope of receiving remuneration.
The nurses are Misses Ella V. King,
Minnie Cooke, Adelaide Mackellar,
Elizabeth Kratz, Adele Neel, Philadelphia;
Miss Sophia Newell, New Jersey;
Miss Genevieve Russell, New York
City; Miss Mary Gladwin, Boston, and
Miss Alice Kemmer, Indiana. The
party's expenses are to be borne by the
Philadelphia Red Cross Society. The
ladies will be the first corps of nurses
to cross the Pacific from British Colum-
bia or Puget Sound since the outbreak
of war.

The *Iyu*'s outward voyage will prob-
ably be her last trip for some consider-
able time, for before she left the Orient
it was pretty generally understood that
all vessels of the line would be impressed
by the transport service. Their with-
drawal places a large extra traffic on the
steers of other lines, for belonging to the
Nippon Yusen fleet were five or six
passenger and freight ships, second only
in their accommodations to the ships of
the Empress line. No more steamers of
the Japanese line are looked for until
after the war closes.

QUEEN CITY RETURNS.
A seven-ton shipment of ore from An-
derson's lake, a consignment of twelve
hogs from Alberta, some twenty boxes
of fish from Esquimalt, and four horses
from Quintino, made up the cargo of the
steamer Queen City on her return this
morning from a special trip down the
coast as far as Quatsino. On this voyage
no lumber was brought from Quatsino,
although on previous trips the
Empress line. More steamers of the
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH
TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE PACIFIC COAST FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**
The fourteenth annual meeting of the
shareholders was held at the head office
of the company, 321 Cambie street, Van-
couver, B. C., on Wednesday the 24th
of February, 1904, at 5 o'clock p.m.
The president, Mr. Thomas T. Langlois,
occupied the chair and the secretary, Mr.
H. H. Pike, acted as secretary of the
meeting.

The secretary read the report of the
officers to the shareholders, which was somewhat dis-
agreeable from the stormy weather pre-
vailing. The sealing schooner *Umbria* had
sailed from Kyuquot; the Carrie C. W., Doris Siedewald and Zillah May were at
Clayquot, and the favorable prospects
of securing Indian crews, and the
Eva Marie, Capt. Victor Jacobson, was
in at Dodge's Cove getting hunters.

Among the passengers who arrived on
the steamer was M. Tregear, who was
bent down to Clayquot examining a
mining property.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
A notice to mariners just issued by the
Department of Marine and Fisheries says:
A wooden triangle, painted red, has been
placed on the top of the steel "conical
buoy" (marked R. B. No. 1, on chart No.
322) moored off Reef point, Baynes-
sound, to serve as a distinguishing mark
in foggy weather.

A wharf has been erected by the govern-
ment of Canada at the upper end of
Hardy bay, Vancouver Island, three
cables to the northeastward of the en-
trance to the small inner harbor or right
at the extreme bottom of the bay.

The wharf, built of piles, consists of
an approach 120 feet long, with a tee
100 feet long by 40 feet wide at its
outer end. Its deck is 5 feet above high
water mark. There is a small warehouse
on the wharf. The depth along the
front of the wharf is 27 feet, deepening
rapidly outwards to 40 and 60 feet.

The wharf is easy of approach at all
stages of the tide, and can be seen in
ordinary weather on entering the bay.

LARGE FREIGHTS.

Large Oriental freights will be the
order with all C. P. R. sailings this
month. The Athenian, leaving for China
and Japan this evening, will be chock-a-
block with cargo. Her freight includes
500 tons of barley, which is being shipped
by Braemar & Ker to Yokohama.

The ship's saloon passenger list in part
is as follows: General Sir William Nic-
hols, Major Haldane, Captain Thack-
er, W. R. Smith, J. Fuller and wife.

The Empress of India will be the next
C. P. R. steamer sailing. She is sched-
uled to leave March 21st, and the Tar-
tar on March 28th.

The retiring auditor, W. T. Stein, C.
A., was selected.

BOUGHT TIMBER LIMITS.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, March 7.—Thos. Merrill, a
millionaire lumberman of Saganaw, has
bought R. P. Ritchie's large limits on
Valdez island and vicinity. This is
crown granted timber.

SHOWS AT CAPITAL.

Ottawa, March 7.—The National Can-
adian Stock Breeders' Association's fat
stock show, the poultry show and horse
show are all going on this week here.

W. A. SMITH.

SIEGE CONDUCTED BY THE SHERIFF

**VERY UNUSUAL CASE
COMING INTO COURT**

**Geo. J. Cook Locks Doors on Officials
Whose Mission is to Seize His
Goods.**

It must not be thought that because the
Far East is now in the throes of a
Titantic conflict, it has a monopoly of
strategic manoeuvres, nor that Port
Arthur is the only locality which has an
important enemy at its doors. There are
sieges and sieges, and during the
past week a very determined one has been
in progress in serene Victoria. The
scene of the local operations is the store
and abiding place of Geo. J. Cook, on
Fort street, adjoining the Philharmonic
hall and the climax of the situation
occurred with the thunderbolt suddenness
of most climaxes on Saturday afternoon
when Mr. Cook was gathered into custody
at the instance of Sheriff Richards,
charged with the theft of goods under
seizure. The case is an extremely unusual
one and possesses many humorous
features and side-lights.

Last Wednesday in the Small Debt
court, Geo. Morphy, on behalf of Messrs.
Turner, Beeton & Co., secured judgment
against Mr. Cook for a sum in the
neighborhood of forty-seven dollars.

Armed with a warrant of execution
Sheriff Richards hastened to the premises
to seize the stock. But when the sheriff
had become apprised of this move and
rode on a bicycle in great haste to his
place, arriving there a very short time
in advance of the sheriff. Leaping from
his two-wheeled steed he hurried inside
and it is alleged secured the doors. Just
then the sheriff appeared on the scene,
and seeing the wheel outside proceeded
to seize it.

Its owner, however, realizing its peril
emerged from the building and grasped
one end of it. A struggle ensued, which
resulted in favor of the officer of the law
and the bicycle was duly placed under
the ban. But when the sheriff attempted
to enter the building to seize the goods
there, he found all the doors locked. He
could not break them in nor remove the
windows because Mr. Cook's store is in
his dwelling place. The situation thus
became an up-to-date exemplification of
the principle, that the Englishman's home
is his castle and is, therefore, inviolate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Night fireman. Apply A. J.
Woodward, Ross Bay.

WANTED—To buy, 6 roomed cottage, con-
veniently located, not over \$2,000 cash
down. Apply House, Times Office.

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